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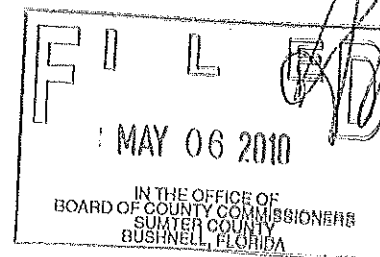
emailed Sherry re: title change for Tom

April 21, 2010

sent copy of letter to  
MAJOR MOFFITT

Ms. Iva Girtman  
Financial Officer  
Sumter County Sheriff's Office  
P.O. Box 188  
Bushnell, Florida 33513-0188

Re: Florida Sheriffs Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund  
April 15, 2010 Field Visit



Dear Ms. Girtman:

I was sorry I missed you during my April 15, 2010 visit to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of conducting a safety audit of the Sumter County Detention Center. I certainly appreciate you taking the time to coordinate my visit and will look forward to meeting with you during my next service call.

Please extend my sincere thanks to Captain Tom Moffitt and Ms. Janice Maggard for meeting me at the jail and to Sergeant Day for providing a comprehensive and informative tour of the Detention facilities.

The following are the result of our audit:

Sumter County Detention Center  
219 E. Anderson Street  
Bushnell, FL

The jail operations are CALEA and FCAC accredited and are under the command of Captain Tom Moffitt. They employ approximately 75 sworn personnel, 28 civilians and 3 volunteers. The capacity with the new addition is 651 beds and they are averaging a current population of 330 inmates. There are approximately 30 inmates assigned to trustee/labor details which provide services for the jail and other county operations as needed.

The masonry steel structure is made up of the original jail, constructed in 1988, a 2000 addition which added a minimum/medium security open bay plan, and recent 2009 expansion project which provides the following:

- Separate 2,000 square foot video visitation building. These 32 visitation stations greatly reduce the risk of contraband introduction and security issues.
- A 45,000 square foot fully furnished kitchen provides three meals per day.
- A laundry and immediate needs area make up another approximately 30,000 feet.
- An additional 19,000 square feet of housing provides 404 additional beds.

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- *Not all areas of the new facility are open at this time.*

The facilities were found to be neat, clean and orderly providing adequate lighting, work areas, and indoor air quality. There were no ergonomic issues noted. The HVAC systems are maintained and filters changed on a regular basis. There have been no recent issues regarding water intrusion or condensation and none were noted. The jail is protected throughout by a wet pipe sprinkler system which has been recently inspected and is so bi-annually. The jail passed a recent fire inspection without any issues and is due next month for the FMJS Inspection. There is a safety policy in place and a County Safety Committee meets on a regular basis. Sergeant Day also serves as the Safety Officer for the jail. Material Safety Data sheets were maintained and properly located and chemicals properly secured and controlled. Personal protection equipment is provided and available to all employees. AED's are available and all personnel trained in their use. Hand sanitizer containers are strategically located throughout the facilities and their use encouraged. First aid kits and eye wash stations were located at the appropriate locations and maintained. Emergency and evacuation drills are practiced. Fire extinguishers were properly located and inspected throughout. Emergency exits were properly lit and located and no exits were obstructed. All employees are trained in fire extinguisher use. SCBA bottles are available and employees trained in their use. Sgt. Day advised they may be moving away from their use and that annual cardio pulmonary exams are not required for those personnel trained in their use. Emergency lighting is functional and emergency power is provided by three separate generators which can provide emergency power the entire facility. Mechanical and electrical rooms were properly secured and contained no improper storage. All electrical panels/raceways were secured.

The kitchen is operated by the jail staff and trustees and was found to be neat and orderly. They receive Health Department inspections quarterly. Refrigerator and freezers are equipped with interior safety releases. All equipment is properly grounded and electrical panels/raceways secured and inaccessible. Utensils are checked out and secured on shadow boards, secured by tether when in use. The hood extinguishing system is certified and recently inspected. No slip/trip/falls issues were noted. The food storage areas did not exceed height or width standards.

The medical unit is made up of jail staff employees and contracted with a local medical group. The area was found neat and orderly. All staff utilizes personal safety equipment including HEPA respirators. There is no pharmacy in house and inmates are provided medications to keep on person. Inmates receive medical and psychological screening on intake. There are several certified negative airflow cells available for employees testing positive for TB where they are treated. Suicide watch cells are available and continuously monitored by visual/video observation. There is also a step down program housing area which provides an extended time for observation and adjustment to medications, etc. of those inmates coming out of suicide watch.

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Employees received training regarding bloodborne and airborne pathogens' at orientation and routinely going forward. Testing and vaccinations for TB and hepatitis are provided for employees, as well as flu vaccinations.

The laundry area is operated by trustees and is equipped with automated chemical dispensers and access is controlled. It was found to be well vented via an exhaust system. Electrical panels/raceways were secured and inaccessible. Inmate property is maintained and controlled by staff and no inmate access is allowed.

Facility exteriors were found to be designed and landscaped to afford safe access to all entrances, and adequate lighting is provided to maintain security for this 24 hour operation. The facility exterior is secured by fencing with razor wire and cameras are continuously monitored for both the interior and exterior areas of the jail. All access is controlled.

There are no recommendations following this initial safety audit of the jail. Our visit next year will occur when the newer areas of the facility have been completely occupied and we will further identify and address those areas.

It is obvious that great deal of effort is put forth by the staff in providing a safe and secure facility for the inmates and the employees and they should be commended for their efforts. Again, please extend my sincere thanks to Sergeant Day and all those members of the Sumter County Sheriffs Office who made my visit both pleasant and productive.

Should you or any of your staff have questions regarding this report or require any further assistance please call us at 1-800-763-4868 or email me at [Roger.Griswold@willis.com](mailto:Roger.Griswold@willis.com).

Sincerely,

  
Hunt Insurance Group, LLC-Administrator  
Roger E. Griswold, RMPE  
Loss Control Consultant  
Loss Control Services

**Sumter County Sheriffs Office**

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Bushnell, FL 33513  
352-793-0222

This letter is being written to initiate a complaint. I am not sure what division would handle this so I will leave that up to whoever assigns such complaints.

My name is Paul J. Amo, my address is 16080 SE 90th Court in Summerfield, FL 34491. Contact number is 352-307-4444. I am a retired Police Officer from New York which is probably why this complaint that I am making is so irritating to me.

We are constantly traveling to the CR466 area to go shopping, dinner and to visit the Sumter Landing area. Upon returning, usually via N Morse Blvd., we are always stopped at the manned gate just north of CR466. Apparently the people that work that gate are instructed to hold non resident traffic and allow residents to proceed first. The "visitors" lane is always held up and the residents and their passes get them right thru. On Sunday, April 11, 2010 at approximately 5:15 pm, I approached the gate and saw to my right a vehicle in the residents lane. They were approximately 3-4 car lengths behind me so obviously I reached the gate well before them. The gate keeper would not lift the gate for me but instead made me wait for this other vehicle to continue up to the gate, flash their resident pass, their gate to open and then only after all that was done and this person had gone thru did he allow me to proceed. While I am not that familiar with Florida law, I am sure that here, like in New York, there must be a section of law that prohibits civilians from interfering with the flow of traffic on a public road. As far as I can determine, N. Morse Blvd is a public road and other than making some of the residents of this "village" feel more important, the gate keeper does not serve any legitimate purpose. I am requesting a legal interpretation of this and also requesting that if this action is found to not be legal then enforcement be initiated and this action stopped. If on the other hand this is deemed legal by your office then I would like to know where I can take this from here. State's attorney or perhaps the Attorney General's office, I'm just not sure of the proper way to go to enforce the laws that I know already exist if you are not able to assist me.

Please feel free to contact me either by phone or in person in regard to this complaint.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Amo

Dear MR Amo - The BOCC of Sumter has authorized the use of the gate on the road you mention. As far as I know they are allowed to do so. I have sent a copy of your letter to the County Administrator, Brady Arnold. I also sent a copy to Janet Tuttle, the employee of the gate personnel. Thank you, Joe Jones, Chief Deputy